

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 (a)

Applicants respectfully petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) for a one-month extension of time to file this response to the Office Action mailed November 6, 2003. The extended period is set to expire on Monday, March 8, 2004. A check in the amount of \$110.00 is enclosed to cover the fee for a one-month extension of time.

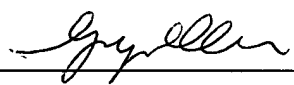
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)(3), applicants hereby request and authorize the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to (1) treat any concurrent or future reply that requires a petition for extension of time as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time and (2) charge all required fees, including extension of time fees and fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17, to Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

If there are any additional charges, please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2666. If a telephone interview would in any way expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (408) 720-8300.

Respectfully submitted,

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